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SUBJECT: EDUCATION PACKAGE - AZORES AGREEMENT

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1. DEPT DISCUSSED WITH PAO CONLEY DURING HIS RECENT CONSULTATION DESIRABILITY OF ASSURING AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY FOR PORTUGUESE GRANTEES IN US FOR COMPLETION THEIR ACADEMIC DEGREES.
2. ASSUMING THAT MAXIMUM OF 21 GRANTEES MAY NEED TOTAL OF TWO ACADEMIC YEARS FOR M.A. AND THAT MAXIMUM OF 5 OF THESE MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS OF WORK TO LEAD TO PH.D., WE FIGURE MAXIMUM ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF \$350,000.
3. WE RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY SEEK GOP CONCURRENCE TO TRANSFER THIS AMOUNT TO PORTUGUESE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION FOR TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATION FOR PURPOSES INDICATED. THIS ACTION WOULD COMMIT FUNDS. FUNDS COULD LATER BE TRANSFERRED TO THOSE UNIVERSITIES WHICH WILL MAKE TRAINING AVAILABLE ON BASIS OF GOP APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS COVERING FIRST

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4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL URGENTLY
WITH APPROPRIATE GOP AUTHORITIES AND ADVISE DEPT.
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